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SUBJECT: US/USSR DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK (DCL) TALKS

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1. EMBOFF MET WITH MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL CHIEF SMIRNOV ON MARCH 1 TO RELATE INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTELS A AND B TO DISCUSS FURTHER PROGRAM FOR DCL TALKS IN MOSCOW BEGINNING MARCH 15. VISIT TO MOSCOW EARTH STATION IS STILL UNDECIDED. PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO SMIRNOV, IS CONSTRUCTION ON ACCESS ROAD WHICH NECESSITATES LONG AND DIFFICULT WALK TO REACH STATION. IF REPAIR WORK COMPLETED ON TIME, VISIT WILL BE ARRANGED. USSR DELEGATION LIST IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE PROVIDED SHORTLY. LOCATION FOR MEETINGS IS STILL UNCERTAIN. MINISTRY IS PREPARING PRELIMINARY PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH NAEHER AFTER ARRIVAL AND A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE PROGRAM DEVELOPED. PROGRAM SHOULD BE PROVIDED EMBASSY PRIOR TO ONSET TALKS.

2. SMIRNOV REITERATED HIS WILLINGNESS ARRANGE HOTEL ROOMS AT NATIONAL. HE WILL ALSO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN L'VOV. DEPARTURE MARCH 18 FOR L'VOV TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 1250 BY PLANE. RETURN FLIGHT NOT YET DECIDED. SMIRNOV SUGGESTED DELEGATION HAVE VOUCHERS VALIDATED FOR L'VOV TO FACILITATE PAYMENT FOR HOTEL ROOMS THERE. ARRANGEMENT WITH NATIONAL WILL BE RETAIN ONLY NAEHER ROOM MARCH 18-19 FOR STORAGE OF ALL LUGGAGE. OTHER ROOMS WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR TWO DAYS AND NEW ROOMS ASSIGNED ON RETURN MARCH 20. THERE SHOULD BE NO CHARGE AT NATIONAL FOR THOSE TWO NIGHTS.

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3. EMBASSY FEELS EVENING OF MARCH 16 WOULD BE BEST TIME FOR US  
DELEGATION HOSPITALITY FUNCTION. THAT DATE IS ACCEPTABLE TO  
SOVIETS SIDE. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION.  
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